

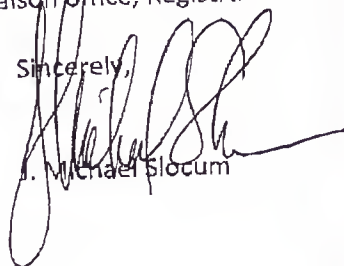
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find a press release dated Wednesday, May 18, 2009,
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Sincerely,



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Press Release: Enterra Solutions International Presents Strategic Economic Assessment Results for the Kurdistan Region of Iraq

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ENTERRA SOLUTIONS INTERNATIONAL PRESENTS STRATEGIC ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT RESULTS TO TOP KRG OFFICIALS AND BUSINESS LEADERS

Identifies Crucial Next Steps for Economic Development of Iraqi Region and Local Industries with High Potential for Growth

Arbil, Kurdistan Region, Iraq – 12 May 2009— Enterra Solutions International and its associated Kurdistan Business Center today presented the results of its Strategic Economic Assessment for the Kurdistan Region of Iraq to the region's Minister of Trade, H.E. Mohammad Raouf Mohammad and other senior government and business officials.

"We are very pleased to share the results of our strategic economic assessment with both Kurdistan Region of Iraq business and government leaders and the international investors," stated Stephen F. Deangelis, President and CEO of Enterra Solutions International. "We hope that it will serve as the basis of a shared vision for the region's development, involving the cooperation of local and foreign private and public sectors to help unleash the potential of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq."

The assessment, which was conducted in conjunction with experts from global consulting firm Monitor Group, recommended that the Kurdistan Regional Government of Iraq and the business community focus on four key objectives in the near term:

Build Out the Energy Infrastructure

Develop High Value Agricultural Assets

Expand Up and Down the Construction Value Chain

Enable Broad Socioeconomic Development

Additionally, Enterra and Monitor identified a total of twenty high-potential investment sectors, or "clusters," that offer high potential for development in the Kurdistan Region, some of which include:

Agriculture Products

Construction

Education & Knowledge Creation

Financial Services

Healthcare

Oil & Gas

Processed Food

Automotive

Chemical Products

Heavy Machinery

Enterra and Monitor reiterated the importance of continuing to strengthen the Kurdistan Region's overall infrastructure to attract investors, including:

Maintaining Macroeconomic Stability

Leveraging basic factors, such as oil & gas, water, and arable land

Encouraging and building on existing investment and economic activity, such as construction, construction material, etc.

Focusing on specific sectors that can become new platforms for investment, employment and economic growth

Going forward, Enterra intends to leverage the assessment's findings to help the Kurdistan Regional Government of Iraq attract much-needed foreign direct investment. That effort will facilitate targeted business engagements in several of the key sectors identified by the assessment through Enterra's Kurdistan Business Center.

About the Strategic Economic Assessment for the Kurdistan Region of Iraq

Enterra Solutions International, in conjunction with experts from Monitor Group, a global consultancy that works with national and regional governments around the world on issues of strategic economic importance, initiated the assessment at the end of 2008 to identify the competitive features of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, and outline a strategy for further developing the region in the near term.

About Enterra Solutions International

Enterra Solutions International is an integrated management consulting and technology firm, is the global leader in Advanced Enterprise Management Systems™ helping clients transform into resilient organizations that proactively mitigate strategic risk, further competitive advantage and optimize enterprise performance. A privately funded company headquartered in Yardley, Pennsylvania, with a Washington Operations Center in Reston, Virginia, and an office in Erbil, Kurdistan Region, Iraq, Enterra serves a range of enterprises representing major commercial industries and governments worldwide. For additional information please visit our website at, www.enterrasolutions.com.

About Monitor Group

Monitor was founded by Professor Michael Porter and other leading Harvard Business School faculty members in 1983. Today, Monitor has 1,000 professionals in 25 offices, including Dubai, who are dedicated to creating innovative, winning, and action-oriented solutions; offering products and services customized specifically to its clients' most pressing needs; and providing agility in strategy development and execution to build client capabilities over time. In addition to Michael Porter, Monitor's unique capabilities have been influenced and developed by leading thinkers across multiple disciplines and refined through practical client experiences.

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Special screening of the documentary "American Herro"

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Dear friends,

The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC will be hosting a special screening of the documentary film *American Herro*, www.americanherro.org. This documentary, produced and directed by Kirk Roos, is based on the life journey of an extraordinary Kurdish woman: Ms. Herro Kader Mustafa.

"*American Herro* is the remarkable story of a young Kurdish girl and her family who come to the United States in 1976 as refugees from Iraq. The film follows Herro Mustafa's personal account of her experiences growing up in Minot, North Dakota, and living out the American dream. Thirty years later, Ms. Mustafa travels the globe working as a U.S. diplomat, and she has invited her first American friend, filmmaker Kirk Roos, to visit Iraq with her as she retraces her steps to freedom."

The screening will be held in the "Family Theater" on May 8th, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. Tickets available at the Kennedy Center Box Office, charge by phone 202.467.4600, or www.kennedy-center.org.

Both Herro Mustafa and filmmaker Kirk Roos will be in attendance.

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Washington Post
Letters to the Editor

Democracy thrives in Kurdistan

Monday, April 27, 2009

Scott Carpenter and Michael Rubin combined untruths, half-truths and faulty analysis in support of their conclusion that there is a democracy deficit in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq ["Kurdistan's Troubled Democracy," op-ed, April 18].

Contrary to the column's assertions, Kurdistan's elections will be administered by the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq and not by the government. That commission has already certified five parties, along with another likely 25 entities to run candidates in the elections, so this will hardly be the sham exercise the authors suggested. Furthermore, international election observers have been invited and will be present.

Iraqi Kurdistan achieved stability and democracy long before the rest of Iraq. Not one US citizen, soldier or contractor has been kidnapped, wounded or killed in Kurdistan. While no democracy is perfect and we know there remains much to do, we have a democratically elected parliament, the best record on religious tolerance in Iraq, the most liberal press law in the country and a thriving civil society demonstrated by abundant and unrestricted activity by nongovernmental organizations.

These achievements warrant the respect of scholars such as your authors, not undeserved criticism.

Qubad Talabani
Washington

The writer is the Representative of the Kurdistan Regional Government to the United States.

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Iraq Kurdistan Region: Prime Minister makes encouraging promises to Amnesty International

Amnesty International welcomes the strong commitment to human rights expressed by Prime Minister Nechirvan Barzani in a meeting with the organization in Erbil today.

"The Prime Minister said he has personally read Amnesty International's report, published last week, and has instructed that its recommendations be circulated to the detention authorities and to government ministries," said Malcolm Smart, Director of the Middle East and North Africa Region and head of Amnesty International's delegation in the Kurdistan Region. "The Prime Minister assured us too of his determination to ensure that the Asayish and other security agencies, whose record we have criticized, are made fully accountable under the law."

At the meeting, Prime Minister Barzani told Amnesty International that a new law was being prepared to make the Asayish accountable to the Council of Ministers, though the timetable for this was still unclear.

The Prime Minister also assured Amnesty International that he and his government are committed to stamping out so-called honour crimes and to ensure that women are afforded effective protection against violence, including within the family.

"The Kurdistan Regional Government has taken positive human rights steps in recent years," said Malcolm Smart. "In particular, it has put in place concrete measures to combat violence against women, and we are heartened by this. At the same time, we emphasized the need to ensure that women's human rights defenders are fully involved in all stages of developing and implementing policies to end violence, discrimination and to increase life opportunities for women and girls."

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Amnesty International's visit to the Kurdistan Region follows the publication last week of its report, Hope and Fear: Human rights in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq.

The report described recent improvements including the release of hundreds of long term political detainees in 2008 and legal reforms affecting the status of women and media freedom but expressed concern about serious violations by the Asayish and other security forces and called for them to be held fully to account.

<http://www.reporterfreelance.info/2009/04/23/iraq-kurdistan-region-prime-minister-makes-encouraging-promises-to-amnesty-international/>

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KRG officials build closer ties with Obama administration on US visit

Washington DC, US (KRG.org) – Dr Fuad Hussein, Chief of Staff to the President of the Kurdistan Region Masoud Barzani, Mr Falah Mustafa Bakir, Minister and Head of the Kurdistan Regional Government's (KRG) Department of Foreign Relations, and Mr Qubad Talabani the KRG's Representative to the US, met with senior US officials in a series of meetings and events in the latest step to further strengthen the relationship between the Kurdistan Region and the Obama administration.

The extended trip to Washington followed the meeting between President Obama and President Barzani in Baghdad earlier this month and was aimed at continuing the exchange of ideas on how best to build on Iraqi Kurdistan's democratic foundation while addressing the still unresolved political issues in Iraq.

"We are grateful to our friends in the Obama administration for their determination to keep our friendship alive and strong, as well as for their continued dialogue with us on how we can work together to build a federal and democratic Iraq that abides by, and respects its democratically ratified constitution" Dr Hussein said.

The discussions, at the National Security Council, the State Department and the Defense Department, focused on the need to resolve Iraq's outstanding political issues, including the resolution of the disputed territories in accordance with Article 140 of Iraq's permanent constitution, enactment of a constitutionally regulated national hydrocarbons law and the upcoming elections in Iraqi Kurdistan.

The KRG officials also detailed the progress in building upon the foundation of democracy, including the mechanisms that will produce a record number of women elected to the Parliament of the Kurdistan Region. The Kurdistan Regional Government is proud of the progress made thus far in continuing to nurture the democratisation of the Region; last October, the Kurdistan Parliament passed one of the most liberal press laws in the Middle East.

"To come to Washington and meet with US officials, who are as determined as we are to make sure the freedoms we enjoy remain strong is reassuring to all of us" Mr Bakir said. "We know what we must do to continue to build on our democratic progress and our determination is made stronger knowing our allies will be there in support."

The delegation also took part in a two-day forum, sponsored by The Atlantic Council, in which participants discussed the progress made on all aspects of the relationship between Turkey and Iraqi Kurdistan, including the need for all involved to build on that progress.

The delegation from the Kurdistan Region met scholars at the Center for American Progress, a Washington DC based think tank and spoke to the US national media. They participated in the 3rd annual conference of the Kurdish American Youth Organisation in San Diego, California, meeting representatives from San Diego's Kurdish community.

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